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1. FONOFF INFORMED OF PROPOSAL IN REFTEL (A) AND AGREES WITH IDEA. HOWEVER, GVN HAS DECIDED IT CANNOT PAY FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES OF ALL OBSERVERS INVITED TO ELECTIONS SINCE TOTAL COST WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE. GVN ALSO DOES NOT WISH TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GENERAL RULE AND PAY EXPENSES OF CERTAIN DELEGATIONS SINCE THIS WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

2. FONOFF IS ADVISING ITS LONDON EMBASSY TO REQUEST FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM BRITISH GOVT. OR PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS IN LONDON. FONOFF DOES NOT INTEND TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER IN

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3. WE HAVE TALKED WITH BRITISH EMBASSY SAIGON WHICH HAD HAD NO INFORMATION FROM LONDON SINCE THEY TRANSMITTED THE

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